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For: AN AQUEOUS-LIQUID-ABSORBING

AGENT AND ITS PRODUCTION PROCESS:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.